

Reception Newsletter - Spring 2 2026

Topic this term - 'Amazing Animals'

Our topic for this half term is "Amazing Animals", which will be covered through different stories and experiences. We started the term with the book 'Dear Zoo' and next week we will read the story of 'What the ladybird heard'.

The following week we will welcome an incubator of incredible eggs! This year we have been very fortunate in arranging an incubator of eggs for each class, giving us 15 eggs in total. The eggs are duck eggs, which we will incubate and watch as they hatch.

Shhh! We would like to keep the contents of the eggs a secret, so that it is a surprise for the children.

We will care for the ducklings and learn all about them for 2 weeks during this half term.

Stay, play and learn sessions will take place during this time offering you the opportunity to handle the ducklings yourself! Following the excitement of the eggs we will be going on our first school trip to Woolley Firs in Maidenhead (Tuesday 17th or Thursday 19th March), where we will be taking our teddy bears on a trip through the woods.

Reading and writing

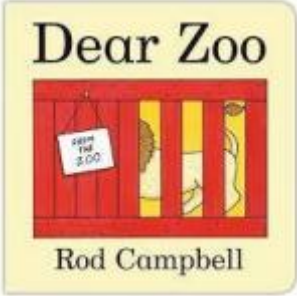
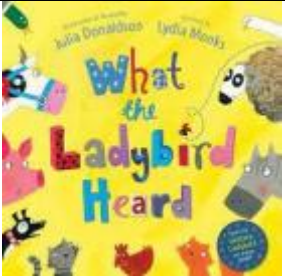

Revisit all Phase 3 digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound) <i>ai, ee, igh, oa, oo/oo, ar, or, ur, er, oi, ow, ear, air</i>	Form lower-case letters correctly and begin to use capital letters to start a sentence and for names.
Blend phonemes to read words including digraphs, such as week, w-ee-k, boat, b-oa-t, night, n-igh-t.	Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.
Read tricky words, which are words that do not follow the pattern of what has been taught so far in phonics. These are in your child's reading bag, please support your child to recognise these words. <i>is, I, the, put, pull, full, and, as, has, his, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be, was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure</i>	Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences

Maths

Topics we will be learning about this half term.

Ordering numbers 1-10 and 10	Composition of numbers 9 2 groups and 3 groups	Making 10
Identifying and reordering numbers 1-10	Counting back 10-1	Matching 3D shapes
Building 3D shapes	Printing 3D shapes	Patterns

Vocabulary List

Weekly stories	General vocabulary	Topic words	Maths Vocab
	lion giraffe camel monkey frog snake puppy	inside hidden adventure wrote sent	subitising nine ten How do you make 9? Can you find a different way to make 10?
	ladybird farm police map	characters Hefty Hugh Lanky Len whisper secret cunning plan	How many more will you need? missing
	egg crack hatch wet dry shell feathers	pipping duckling life cycle	One, two, three, four, five six, seven, eight, nine, ten order next more fewer counting back
	bears brown bear polar bear panda black bear	hibernation claws paws fur habitat	3D shapes cube cylinder cuboid sphere cone matching
	Easter Jesus new life Easter eggs celebration	symbol cross crucifix	pattern same repeating pattern same again What comes next?